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Atty. Dkt. No. ATT/2003-0176**REMARKS****I. ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**


The Examiner asserts that claims of Group I (claims 1-14) are distinct from the claims of Group II (claims 15-43). The Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-14, to be examined in response to the restriction requirement. To the extent this restriction requirement is maintained by the Examiner, Applicants reserve the right to subsequently file one or more divisional applications in order to prosecute the inventions recited in any one or more of the non-elected groups of claims.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring the issuance of a final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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